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Announcement

2012 SOUTHEAST ASIA YOUTH LEADERSHIP PROGRAM (SEAYLP)

The Public Affairs Section (PAS), U.S. Embassy Hanoi, is seeking candidates for the 2012 Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program (Seaylp). Students of grades 10 and 11 at Vietnamese high schools in Hanoi who demonstrate leadership through academic work, community involvement and extracurricular activities and have a good command of English are invited to apply for the program. Up to five scholarships are available for Vietnamese students. Program is subject to final approval from the U.S. State Department.

The application deadline is **5:00 PM, Monday, September 17, 2012**. Applications should be sent to: **The Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program, Public Affairs Section, U.S. Embassy, 7 Lang Ha, Hanoi.**

Program Overview

The Seaylp is an intensive exchange program conducted in the United States in October 2012. The purpose of the program is to promote high-quality leadership, civic responsibility, volunteerism and respect for diversity. The participants will be approximately 60 English-speaking high school students from ten member countries of ASEAN. The program will be hosted by the East-West Center (EWC) from October 28 to November 19.

Titled *Leading Green: Shaping Sustainable Schools and Communities*, the exchanges will engage teenagers, ages 15-17 in experiential learning that explores youth leadership and environmental stewardship through the lens of “green and sustainable schools.” By focusing on a school setting, youth participants will have a chance to enhance their own, as well as other young people’s, everyday environment, and can make improving their place of learning their first step in what hopefully will be a lifelong pursuit of positive engagement and bettering their world. The program will be intensive, academic and highly interactive with workshops, a range of public and community settings and travels from Hawaii to Los Angeles and Washington D.C.

Participant costs for program administration, international and domestic travel, housing and food will be covered by the U.S. Department of State. Upon completion of the program in the U.S., participants are required to implement a community service project in their home country using funds provided by the U.S. Department of State.

Candidate Qualifications

Competition will be based on the potential of the candidates to become leaders through community involvement and extracurricular activities, without regard to their field of study, race, religion, or gender. Competition is open to all applicants who meet the following minimum criteria:

- ❖ be 15 - 17 years of age;
- ❖ demonstrate strong leadership qualities and potential in their school and/or communities
- ❖ be strong academically
- ❖ exhibit an appropriate level of maturity, open-mindedness, and sociability within a group
- ❖ be proficient in English
- ❖ have permission from parents and schools to participate in the entire program

How to apply ([Application form](#) and [letter of recommendation form](#) can be downloaded from the U.S. Embassy’s website at <http://vietnam.usembassy.gov>)

To apply for the program, applicants must complete and submit their completed application form and a hard copy of the following documents to the Southeast Asia Youth Leadership Program, Public Affairs Section, U.S. Embassy, 7 Lang Ha, Hanoi. Tel: (84) (4) 3850 5000/ext.6034. E-mail: pas.culture@gmail.com

- ❖ 2 letters of recommendation (with English translations if in Vietnamese) from teachers/school officials
- ❖ Copy of school report, certificates of merit and awards (if any).